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1. Fritz Selbmann, DDR Minister of Smelting and Ore Mining (Hüttenwesen und Erzbergbau),

protesting

four items of the 1953 and 1954 sections of the Five Year Plan. He claimed that the original proposals of the Ministry of Smelting and Ore Mining had been ignored and that the new figures which were now being di50X1-HUM were unrealistic and could not be met unless considerable increases in investment capital were granted in 1952 to start construction of new rolling mill beds and blast furnaces.

2. The following list gives the original figures proposed by the Ministry of Smelting and Ore Mining, the figures as they appear in the approved Five Year Plan, and the main objections raised by the Ministry against the planned figures. (All figures represent tons.)

Item	1953 Proposal	1953 Plan	1954 Proposal	1954 Plan
Rolled steel	1,048,000	1,370,000	1,518,000	1,750,000

Objection: The increase in semi-finished products to be processed by the nationalized (volkseigene) rolling mills will overtax the rolling mill beds. If the additional rolled steel is really needed, it can be supplied by the SAG rolling mills.

Crude steel	2,280,000	2,580,000	2,970,000	3,270,000
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Objection: Over and above present plans, blast furnaces with an annual capacity of about 300,000 tons would have to be constructed at Stahlwerk Brandenburg and Stahlwerk Riesa. Actual needs can be met with the amount originally proposed.

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Item	<u>1953 Proposal</u>	<u>1953 Plan</u>	<u>1954 Proposal</u>	<u>1954 Plan</u>
Pig iron	1,250,000	1,630,000	1,475,000	1,850,000

Objection: The amount proposed is fully in accordance with the pig iron balance agreed upon during the Moscow discussions. This increase would necessitate the construction of a third blast furnace at the Eisenhüttenkombinat Ost (EKO) in 1952, the finishing of the sixth blast furnace at EKO by spring 1953, and probably the building of one or two additional furnaces at EKO.

Iron ore	1,580,000	2,330,000	2,270,000	2,600,000
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Objection: This amount of iron cannot be processed with present and planned blast furnaces; therefore, it is unnecessary to mine the additional amount.

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